

Group II. Claims 9-30, drawn to an *in vivo* method for stimulating erythropoiesis, classified in Class 514, subclass 12.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 1995 applicant hereby elects with traverse Group II, claims 9-30.

Applicant submits that the claims of the instant invention are both drawn to methods for using hematopoietic proteins for stimulating erythropoiesis. Applicant believes that the claims of Groups I and II are closely related in inventive concept and that it would not be a serious burden for the Examiner to search and examine both Groups I and II simultaneously. Applicant respectfully requests a reformulation of the restriction to combine Groups I and II. Such a reformulation would be consistent with the Office's general policy of encouraging simultaneous search and examination of as much of the application as possible without placing an undue burden on the Examiner.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6672.

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